

MINISTRY IS SHAKEN

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, LORD HAMILTON AND CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER RITCHIE RESIGN FROM BRITISH CABINET TODAY AS THE RESULT OF STRUGGLES WITH OTHER MINISTERS.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The struggle in the ministry culminated today in the resignations of Joseph Chamberlain as Secretary of State for the Colonies; Rt. Hon. C. T. Ritchie, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, as Secretary of State for Indian Affairs, being presented. The resignations were accepted.

NORE SISTERS FOR MOLOKAI

SISTERS BLATA AND LEORILDA DEPART FOR HONOLULU TODAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON S. S. SONOMA—THEY ARE FROM MOTHER HOME AT SYRACUSE—WILL GO TO MOLOKAI LEPER SETTLEMENT.

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Sisters Blata and Leorilda sailed today on the S. S. Sonoma for Honolulu, from where they will go to the Leper Settlement on the Island of Molokai. The Sisters are from the Mother House of the Sisterhood at Syracuse, which supplies Sisters to care for the unfortunates of the Molokai lazaretto.

MANY WRECKS ON ATLANTIC COAST

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 17.—Many wrecks of vessels line the Maine coast as the result of the severe storm of the last two days. Many lives have been lost.

SHIP MEXICAN FOUNDERS

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 17.—The ship Mexican foundered off the Virginia coast early this morning. Twenty-three men were lost.

MILLIONS LOST BY STORM

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Eighteen lives have been lost and two million dollars worth of damage done by the recent storm that swept Manhattan Island.

WANT PEACE IN MACEDONIA

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—Fresh overtures have been received by Great Britain from Russia and Austria looking to the settlement of the troubles in Macedonia. The new overtures propose that the Powers shall unite and establish peace in the Mediterranean country.

HURRICANE BROUGHT MANY DEATHS

Associated Press Cable to the Star.

MIAMI, Florida, Sept. 17.—Reports from along the southeastern coast of the state tell of many wrecks of vessels. It is thought that several large vessels were driven ashore by the hurricane last Monday. Many lives have been lost.

A JAIL DELIVERY

THE NEW GRAND JURY AND SWORN COMPLAINT PROPOSITION AND THE TROUBLE IT THREATENS TO CAUSE IN THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT—LAWYERS WILL ARGUE IT TOMORROW MORNING.

Tomorrow morning Judge Gear is to hear argument on the grand jury indictment question, which the attorneys say may lead to a big jail delivery. "Every prisoner in the jail who was not indicted, except those convicted under the Republic of Hawaii, may get liberty by habeas corpus proceedings," said R. W. Breckons, who is in the case as counsel for an indicted defendant, "if our contentions as to the need of indictment are correct."

The district courts have recently abandoned the practice of making complaints, which they adopted a year or more ago when the circuit judges began to refuse to try persons brought up without written and sworn complaints. Since then the supreme court rendered a decision which it was claimed made written complaints unnecessary, but its application to the cases now pending is denied. If the courts finally hold that sworn complaints and grand jury indictments are necessary, there is a chance for a very large jail delivery.

The case is to be argued tomorrow in the appeals of Wa Sin, who is represented by Breckons, and Machino and Saguma, represented by F. M. Brooks and W. T. Rawlins. Deputy Attorney General Peters will appear for the government.

FIRE CLAIM DOES NOT SUPERSEDE INSURANCE

JUDGE DE BOLT MAKES AN IMPORTANT RULING IN THE PLAGUE FIRE CASE—LOSER OF A BUILDING NOT REQUIRED TO TELL JURY IN INSURANCE CASE WHETHER HE GOT CLAIM.

The plaintiff closed in the case of the Kwong Lee Yuen & Co. against the Manchester Insurance Company this morning. The suit is to recover on a policy for insurance of a building burned in the big plague fire.

After the defense closed one of the jurors asked Kwong Lee if he had made a claim and secured an award from the Chinatown fire claims commission, for the loss sustained by him. S. M. Ballou, representing the plaintiff, objected to the question. He said that the appropriation made by the territory and by congress was a limited one for losses and that it could not in any way supersede the contract the owners of the building had made with the insurance company.

Robertson claimed that the question was a proper one, but the court, Judge De Bolt, sustained the objection, and Kwong's fire claims, if he had one, is not to be considered. Robertson then moved for a non-suit, and later for a directed verdict, but both motions were denied. The attorney claimed that there had been absolutely no proof that the fire was accidental, as alleged in the complaint.

The trial is being continued this afternoon. Numerous witnesses have been summoned to show how the big fire was started and got beyond control.

In Judge Robinson's court more jurors appeared to serve in the case of the Kapiolani Estate against W. R. Castle, an ejectment suit. The attorneys spent most of yesterday trying to get a jury without success. This morning both sides agreed to waive a jury and the case was begun. The property involved is at South street near Kawaiahao lane.

TALK OF SOME BOLTS

REPUBLICAN DEFEATED CANDIDATES AND REPORTED INDEPENDENT RUNNING—VIDA SAYS HE STANDS BY THE CONVENTION'S TICKET—ROBERT WILCOX NOW REGARDED AS BROWN'S CERTAIN OPPONENT.

New political combinations of all sorts were talked of today in the discussion of the work of the Republican convention. It was bruited about that a number of the losers would go into the opposition and there were rumors of a Citizens' ticket and of a combination of some of the leading defeated candidates with the Democrats.

One of the reports was to the effect that Henry Vida was dicker with Democratic leaders and would leave the Republicans and head another ticket. "There is nothing in it," said Vida today. "I am out for the ticket the same as ever, and supporting the choices of the convention."

Among the other losers James H. Boyd is reported to have ambitions to run in spite of his defeat for the nomination, but the report is not verified. It is said that there is a chance that Boyd might run independently for supervisor at large and might get a Home Rule nomination, but on the other hand Boyd is quoted as saying that he has no kick to make and is out to elect R. N. Boyd and the rest of the ticket.

It is stated with much positiveness now that Robert W. Wilcox will be the Home Rule candidate for sheriff of Oahu. This changes Brown's canvass into one requiring hard work, for "Bob" is regarded as a dangerous opponent. Republicans are very confident, however, that Brown can beat him. Edgar Cayless is likely to run against Rawlins for district attorney, F. J. Testa against Pratt for assessor, and D. Kalauokalani, Jr., against Harry Murray for county clerk.

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Japanese Murderer Suicides In Prison

IMPROVISED ROPE OF DUNGAREE JACKET AND HANG-ED HIMSELF IN HIS CELL THIS MORNING AT OAHU JAIL—HAD BEEN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Yamanada Hakumatsu, a Japanese, committed for trial for an atrocious murder on Maui, committed suicide early this morning by hanging himself in his cell at the Oahu Prison. Death occurred between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock this morning. The suffering incidental to a severe attack of dengue fever is supposed to have led the man to take his life, although it is very probable that fear of execution for his crime also had considerable influence upon the man, in causing him to commit suicide.

Yamanada was committed June 27 for murder in the first degree. His crime was shocking in its details. He had caught a Japanese woman in the cane fields on Spreckelsville Plantation and hacked her to pieces with a cane knife. This crime was committed June 6 and on June 27 he was committed for trial, the district magistrate, W. A. McKay, noting on the commitment paper, that the crime had been an especially atrocious murder. Yamanada was brought to Honolulu June 28 and had been in Oahu prison since that date, awaiting trial for his crime.

Until Yamanada was attacked with dengue fever, he had apparently been in good spirits and health. He did not impress the officers at the prison as being especially moody over his crime. Guards are changed every four hours at the jail. It is the duty of the guards who watched

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WOULD ENJOIN GOVERNOR DOLE

THE GEHRS MAKE FORMAL APPLICATION TO LAND COMMISSIONER BOYD FOR THE KOHALA DITCH FRANCHISE—BEING REFUSED THEY WILL SEEK TO ENJOIN THE AUCTION SALE OF THE FRANCHISE.

Governor Dole has decided, it is stated, that the Kohala ditch franchise shall be put up at auction, to be bid for publicly. This decision has been expected by the Gehr faction, which has been seeking to secure a franchise on an alleged agreement of two years ago, and in view of the reported forthcoming announcement, they have begun preparations to stop the auction.

A formal demand for a franchise was made by A. C. Gehr on Land Commissioner E. S. Boyd, after the conference with the governor. Boyd, who has favored a public auction all along refused the application, which was only made as a matter of form and to have a straight refusal from the government. Gehr is now said to be prepared to enjoin the governor and land commissioner from holding the auction. The resulting proceedings will be fought to a finish and the contest will probably be renewed at Washington.

The franchise over which there has been such a long dispute and is likely to be controversial for much longer, is for a water ditch franchise believed to be worth a very large sum, but never accurately estimated. There is an immense amount of water going to waste in the Kohala mountains and the engineers who have surveyed the ground believe that enough of it can be saved to supply all the plantations and settlements within its radius. The work of ditching will be a large and expensive contract.

"Probably a hundred million gallons of water every twenty-four hours can be saved by the proposed ditch," said Land Commissioner Boyd. "An accurate estimate would be very hard to make. Much of the water in the mountains must always go to waste, as it is too low to be carried to where it would be of use, but certainly an immense supply can be made available."

The ditch-building will require several hundred thousand dollars, it is believed. There are probably about 40 miles of ditching to be done, and numerous gulches will have to be crossed. These have all been surveyed in a preliminary way, by some of the parties interested and by the government.

CORONER'S VERDICT

A coroners inquest was held at noon today to determine the cause of the death of Yamanada the murderer who was held in Oahu prison to await trial. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that death had been due to strangulation and that said strangulation had been caused with suicidal intent. The prison officials were exonerated of all blame in the affair.

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